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To the Reader.

I Intended in 1648. to have Printed this ſmall diſcourſe for judging of Eclipſes, (for ſo long time it hath layn by me;) how or by what means it was not then done, I doe not now remember; ſuch as it is, I here preſent unto the young Students, intending by the bleſſing of Almighty God, one day or other to inlarge it; in the mean time accept of it, and of *Ptolomy*'s own Method, though ſomewhat more harſh, which I have alſo taken care to be Printed together with mine. Severall perſons, and men of great learning have treated of Eclipſes, but as yet I cannot well approve of their Method or wayes, being their Doctrines are full of intricacies, too

too much to puzzle any younger brother. I will indeavour with Captain *Wharton*, or Maſter *Harſlet*, to frame ſome Tables, and print them in their next labours, whereby without any prolixity, thou mayſt find either the day when the effects ſhall begin, or the continuance of them.

W. LILLY.

A ſhort

A Short Method how to judge the effects of *Eclipses*, and what events may be expected from them.

AN Eclipse is no other thing than an Interception or privation of the Light of the Luminaries, *viz.* Of the Sun and Moon, A Lunar Eclipse, or of the Moon, is privation of Light in the Moon, occasioned by interposition of the Earth between the Sun and the Moon; a Solar Eclipse is an interception or obscuration of the Light of the Sun, caused by interposition of the Moons body between the Sun and our sight. What an Eclipse is.

Of these Eclipses, some are *totall*, others but in part; we may call an Eclipse *totall*, in respect of the obscuration of the whole body of the Light, so far as it occupies the whole body of the Luminarie, distinguished into twelve Digits by the wisdome of Astronomers; a partill Eclipse, or but in part, is when those twelve Digits or parts of the Luminar body are not all of them darkned: so then we say, an Eclipse of the Sun is ever upon the new Moon or change, an Eclipse of the Moon is alwaies upon her opposition with the Sun or upon the full Moon, which is all one. In every Eclipse there are So that when the Digits Eclipsed are less then 12. it is not a totall *Eclips*.

four things considerable, after you have erected the Scheme and reduced the Planets to the Meridian desired.

1. *Unto what Region, Kingdom, City or People the effects of the Eclips shall appertain.*

2. *The time is to be inquired,* viz. *Either when the effect shall begin, or how long time the events of an Eclips shall continue.*

3. *What events may be expected from the Eclips.*

4. *The Quality, or Species of them, whether they intend War or Famine,* &c. *Whether plenty or dearth,* &c. *Or who, or what people shall doe best if they signifie War,* &c.

To know unto what Kingdom or City the effects shall belong.

IN every great Eclips of the Sun or Moon, you must observe the place of the Zodiack, that is, in which of the twelve Signs the Defect is in, and consider the Kingdoms, Cities, or Countries subject unto that Sign, according to their severall distributions, which we have sufficiently performd in our Introduction in *Page 93,94,95,96,97, &c.*

You must also observe the Ascendant or Mid-Heaven at the time of the building of any City, and the place or Signs wherein either the Sun or Moon were at that time, and see if the Sign wherein the Eclips is, be any of those Signs yea or no? You are also to take notice if the Mid-Heaven, *viz.* or Sign culminating of the King or Principall Governour of that Kingdom, Metropolitane City or Country, *viz.* If the Sign wherein the Eclips is; be his, *viz.*. the Kings or Governours Mid-Heaven, or if at his birth either of the Lights, *viz.* Sun or Moon, were near the Degree Eclipsed, or where the present defect is. For you shall usually find, that where the Ascendant, or Mid-Heaven of those Cities or men doe concurre with the place of Heaven Eclipsed or defective, that in a great measure the effects shall appear and manifest themselves upon those men, Kings, or Rulers, Kingdoms, or Cities, especially if the

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Eclips be above the Earth, for all Eclipſes are held to extend their effects moſt forcibly when above the Earth, weakly and not ſo vigorouſly when under the Earth; but that they have alſo then ſome manifeſt operation greater or leſſer, I could manifeſt by many examples of Eclipſes in this age, and confirm my own judgement by the opinion of ſeverall learned men; I ſhall inſtance only *Cardan Seg.* 7. *Apho.* 81. *Eclipſis in quarto Domo juxta Cæli Imum, validiores quam in octavo vel duodecimo loco, & in prima Domo quam in nona vel undecima,* Eclipſes in the fourth Houſe or Heaven, are more forcible than thoſe in the eighth or eleventh, thoſe in the firſt more ſtrong than they in the ninth or twelfth, and it muſt be acknowledged that although Eclipſes in the firſt Houſe cannot be viſible, yet we are by no Author prohibited to judge them, nay *Leovitius* the moſt painfull man that ever wrote in Aſtrology and of Eclipſes, doth deliver many judgements and predictions upon Eclipſes falling in the Aſcendant it ſelf, and that I may not proceed to former times, let us conſider that in *June*, 1648, *viz.* the 10th. day, 12th. hour, 38′ *P. M.* an Eclipſe of the ☉. was in 0. d. 3. m. of ♋. near the Cuſp of the fourth Houſe; ♋. is the Aſcendant of *Scotland*, then did that people raiſe their Malignant Army, which in *Auguſt* 1648. Plunder'd our Northern Counties. Becauſe I would leave no ſcruple in the minds of young Students, I ſhall by example explain this Chapter more fully. In the Eclips of 19. *No.* 1648. you ſee the ☉. was in the 8. d. 44. of ♊. If the Aſtrologian know any man, who had in the Radix of his Nativity either the Sun or Moon in that degree, or in the degree oppoſite, *viz.* 8. d. 44′. of ♐. or in the like degrees of *Virgo* or *Piſces*, which Signs are in Quadrate Aſpects to the former, or if the degree Culminating in any mans Nativity was either the 9. of ♊. ♐. ♍. or ♓. or if the degree Aſcending was in thoſe degrees, or within one degree thereof, the native did ſuffer more or leſs by the influence of this Eclips; according to the ſignification of the Houſe of Heaven, wherein the ☉. or Moon

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was in at the Birth, and was either well fortified, or aſpected of the benevolent Planets, or ill aſpected, or afflicted of the Malevolents. If you have the Aſcendant of a City, Town, or Corporation, or if you have the Radix or poſiture of heaven, of a family, or any new or old Inception, *&c.* do therein as formerly directed: ever obſerving that the more Digits Eclipſed, the greater the Eclips is, and by how much more neer to an Angle the Eclips falls, the more ſtrong and forcible will the Effects demonſtrate themſelves. *London* is ſubject to the Sign ♊ as in Page 95. of our Introduction appears, *Ergo*, much trouble it did produce there, as alſo to *Spain* ſubject to ♐ *vide Pag.* 97. ſo. *Portugall*, *vide pag* 99. *Paris* alſo in *France*, *vid. pag.* 96. *Charles*, late King of *England*, had the Sun in 8. deg. and 3. min. of *Sagitarius*: and this Eclips 19. *Nov.* 1648. of the ☽ was celebrated the day of the Revolution of his Birth, ſhe being in 8. deg. 44′. of ♊. in direct oppoſition to the place of the Sun; who alſo haſtened unto an oppoſition of *Saturn*. We know how ſuddenly after he was beheaded.

Of the time when the Events ſhall appear.

YOu are to obſerve in every Region where the Eclips is viſible, that ſo many hours as an Eclips of the Sun continues, ſo many years the effects or *Events* of a *Solar Defect* ſhall continue, and ſo parts of hours, ſhall ſignifie parts of the year proportionable to the minutes of the hour; but in an Eclips of the Moon, ſo many hours as ſhe is defective or ſuffers an Eclips, ſo many moneths the *Events* thereby ſignified ſhall continue; As the *Lunar* Eclips 1649. continuing from the beginning to the end 3. hours and 33 minutes, the effects of it did operate three whole months and a half, and two dayes, *&c.* wherein you muſt obſerve, that in the Duration of all Eclipſes, the length of the hour is according to the Equall hour, or 60 minutes for one hour, and not the Artificiall or Aſtronomicall hour, being more or leſſe unequall by reaſon of the motion

motion of the Sun, and length or ſhortneſs of the day.

The beginning, the increaſe, and determination of the effects are known, by that place or part of the Scheme of heaven wherein the Eclips is, having relation to the Angles of the figures.

For when the place Eclipſed, or Eclips it ſelf, ſhall be in the Aſcendant, the effects ſhall then begin in the 1, 2, 3, and 4. moneths next after appearance of the Eclips, but its greateſt vigour, and moſt materiall accidents deſign'd from that Eclips, ſhall ſhew themſelves in the firſt third part of time allotted to the univerſall Duration thereof. When the Effects ſhall begin.

But if the place defective, or Eclips it ſelf, be in the Midheaven, or neer it, the effects ſhall begin in the 5, 6, 7, and 8. months, taking place from the beginning of the Eclips, and ſhall operate moſt forcibly in the ſecond diviſion of time allotted to the whole continuance; but if the Eclips be in the Angle of the Weſt, or ſeventh houſe, the firſt apparition of the effects ſhall be in the 9, 10, 11, and 12. laſt months after the Eclips, and the moſt vehement effects in the third Trient or part of time aſſigned for continuance of the Eclipſar effects. Theſe laſt lines require an eaſie explanation, and ſome perfect Method, elſe we ſhall not benefit either the more Antient or Modern Scholar in theſe our Aſtrological well-wiſhes. This Method you muſt underſtand, and conſtantly follow, *viz.* if an Eclips be in the Aſcendant, or neer unto it, and it doth ſignifie either *War, Famine, Plague, Tumults, Murders, &c.* its then intended, that ſuch like things ſhall begin their operation, and to appear, within the firſt four months after the day of the Eclips; and whereas we mention, that it ſhall moſt forcibly operate in the third part of time allotted unto the whole duration of its effects, which *Ptolomy* calls *Prima Trien*, the true meaning of our words and his are theſe, *viz.* that if a *Solar* Eclips be of one hour, and one half hours continuance, and be neer the Aſcendant, or in it, that then in the four firſt moneths next ſucceeding the day of the Eclips, the effects

thereof, or of that Eclips, ſhall begin, and ſhall operate moſt forcibly by the ſpace of ſix months ſucceeding next after thoſe four months, and then ſhall after by little and little decreaſe and vaniſh for 18. moneths, being the whole time limited for continuance of the Effects, the firſt ſix moneths are the firſt third part of time for continuation of the effects, the middle ſix months are the ſecond *Trient*, as *Ptolomy* calls it, and the laſt ſix months are the third *Trient*, or third part of time. Again, if the Eclips be in, or neer the Mid heaven, then the Matter or thing ſignified by that Eclips ſhall apparently declare it ſelf, betwixt the fourth and eighth months from the hour of the Eclips; and for the next ſix months immediatly ſucceeding, that is during the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth months from the time or day of the Eclips, the Plague or matter ſignified ſhall begin to appear, and to increaſe moderatly; but in the fifteenth, ſixteenth, ſeventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth months from the hour of the *Eclips*, the thing or buſineſs deſigned, ſhall moſt effectually operate, and the laſt ſix months begin to leſſen and decline, *&c.* Again, let the Eclips be neer the Cuſp of the ſeventh Houſe, or in that Houſe, then the effects depending thereon, ſhall begin to be active and take place, from the eighth month untill the twelfth, to be accounted from the day of the Eclips, and then for twelve whole months next after, the effects ſhall operate very ſenſibly and to purpoſe, but in the laſt ſix months of that whole time aſſigned for its continuance, the Plague, Peſtilence, or Famine ſignified thereby, ſhall be in greateſt force, and doe moſt miſchief; From hence it appears, an Eclips according to the Doctrine of *Ptolomy* ſhall begin to declare its effects within one year next after the day of its being; nor can the effects of a *Solar Eclips* continue, or be extended above three years and one half, or of a *Lunar Eclips* above ſix months, *&c.* ſo that *Haly* and thoſe adhering unto him were much deceived, *&c.*

But if you will judge when particular remiſſions, or more

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haſty Intenſions, ſhall be, or in more plain language, if you would know when the effects would work with great force, when more ſlowly, you muſt take notice thereof from the ſeverall Conjunctions, Oppoſitions, or Quadratures which ſhall be made either in that part, *viz.* degree of the Sign wherein the Ecclips was, or in ſuch parts of the Zodiack, *viz.* in ſuch degrees of the Signs as behold that place ſo eclipſed, as alſo from the ſeverall Quadratures and Oppoſitions of other Planets as well as of the Sun and Moon, or their ariſing, or firſt appearance above the Horizon, together with either of the Lights in that place of the Zodiack, and which have ſignification in determining the Events of that Eclips you do Aſtrologically judge of, and theſe eſpecially, when either in the Aſcendant or ſeventh Houſe, or in their Stations, or in their Veſpertine riſing, *viz.* When they firſt appear upon the Suns ſetting, they aſpect the Signs and degrees where the Eclips was. The riſing of the Planets and their Stations in thoſe places or parts wherein the Eclips was, declare the increaſe and greatneſs of the Events which are to ſucceed. But when thoſe Starrs or Planets are either under the Sun beams, or in their Veſpertine riſing, they intend a more remiſsneſſe, and not ſo ſtrong events to ſucceed. By Station is intended, when a Planet comes to be Stationary, or to ſtand ſtill, and to move very little in any degree of the Zodiack, either in the degree eclipſed, or oppoſition thereof, or in Dexter or ſiniſter Quadrate unto it. Its believed by many, and found true by experience, that when a Planet is ſtationary, he is then by reaſon of his ſtanding ſtill, firm and able to ſettle an impreſſion; but when a Planet is under the Sun beams, he reſembles a man limited, and one that hath none or little power of himſelf or a maſculine Planet having power in the ſaid places when he firſt riſes above the Earth, after the Sun ſet is conceived to produce very ſmall, or but weak effects in any Eclips, or Conjunction of the ſuperiour Planets.

Of the kind or quality of Events.

THat this be artificially, and with judgement performed; first, you muſt Erect the ſcheme of heaven for the middle time of the Eclips, and reduce the Motion of the ☉, ☾, and other Planets to your own Meridian, or to that place of the world, for which you intend to erect the figure, and thereupon to give judgement, and then ſeriouſly conſidering the degree of the Signe wherein the Eclips is, (the Sign I mean wherein the Sun is, if it be a *Solar Eclips*, the Sign wherein the Moon is, if it be a *Lunar Defect*.) Conſider alſo the place, *Aſteriſme*, Sign and degree of the Zodiack, in the Angle next following the Eclips, as if the Eclips be in the ninth eighth or ſeventh, you are to conſider what Planet hath moſt power and dignities in the tenth houſe, for that is the Angle ſucceeding them; but if the Eclips be in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth, then you muſt ſee to the fortitude of that Planet who hath moſt dignities eſſentiall in the Aſcendant, that being the Angle ſubſequent to the Eclips, being in the 10, 11, or 12th houſe. Herein you muſt reckon no dignities unto any Planet, but what that Planet hath either by houſe, exaltation, triplicity, terme or face, accidentall fortitudes or dignities in this judgement are not admitted. For that Planet who hath moſt dignities in the place, *viz.* in the ſigne and degree Ecclipſed, and Angle ſucceeding it, *viz.* in the ſigne and degree either culminating or aſcending, he ſhall be Lord of the Eclips, or principall Ruler; but if it happen that one Planet alone have not moſt Dominion or greateſt fortitudes in the place Eclipſed and Angle ſubſequent but that there are two which may equally challenge Prer'ogative, he ſhall be preferred who is Lord of the place, or Signe Eclipſed, and the other Planet ſhall be joyned with him in ſignification, who agreeth to either place, and ſhall be called Partner in judgement. But if many Planets have equall dignity in the aforeſaid places, and do alſo behold

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both the place eclipsed, and succeeding Angles, wee mean not the whole signe, but the degree, that Planet shall be preferred who is in Situation or Position neerest to an Angle, or more powerfull in signification, or more agreeable in quality, that is in nature, or by triplicity. Concerning the fixed Star or stars which shall participate in judgement, this is generally observed, to take that fixed star which at the time of the Eclips doth precede the place Eclipsed in an Angle, and is of great or eminent Magnitude, *viz.* of the first or second, and hath little Latitude, but is seated neer the Ecliptick line, or which at that instant time of the Defect doth arise or Culminate, following the place eclipsed, the preceding words are thus to be understood, *viz.* that if an Eclips be between the seventh house and the Mid-heaven, most consideration is to be had unto that fixed Star which possesseth the Angle of the 7th, for that Star precedes; next who are in the 10th house, for they follow; but if the Eclips be between the Mid-heaven and Ascendant, those fixed starrs in the Mid-heaven are preferr'd before those in the Ascendant.

Other notable considerations.

The *Asterisme* also or Constellation in which the Eclips is, as also the principall ruler or rulers of the Eclips, are most to be considered, as also the Signe wherein the Eclips it self is, for such signes in the Zodiack and Constellations which have humane shape or form, have signification of men, and things humane; Terrestriall signes signifie according to the forms and shapes thereof; Signes that signifie the milder creatures or Beasts, show losse and damage in such like beasts as are usefull for man, according to the reason of the singular shapes, forms, and figures thereof, whether they be of horses, oxen *&c.* Septentrionall Constellations, shew sudden Earthquakes, Meridionall, declare inexpected and great showres. When the Eclipticall place is either in *Virgo* or *Sagitary*, damage follows to such fowl as men feed on, but if it be in watry Signes or Constellations, much of the Event shall appear in the waters, at Sea, and in fish, or fishing, and to men Navigating

ing; yet if it fall out in *Aquarius* or *Piſces*, men receive great loſſe by overflow of Rivers, and ſwelling of Fountains.

When the Eclips is in Tropick or Æquinoctiall ſignes, *viz.* in ♈, ♋, ♎, ♑, Commonly the Eclips is prejudiciall to the ayr and the preſent ſeaſon. In the Spring it deſtroys the growth of ſuch herbs as ſpring out of the earth, and the budding and bloſſoming of trees. In the Summer ſolſtice, it hurts the corn, and leſſens the burthen of fruit; In the Autumnall equinoctiall it prejudiceth the ſeed; in the Winter it gives too much moiſture: When the Eclips is alſo in ♈ or ♎, there followes Controverſies in Religion, or ſome change or alteration; in Tropicks, *viz.* ♋ or ♑, alteration of ayr, and of Offices or places or Governments.

Fixed ſignes, as ♉ ♌ ♏ ♒, ſhew much adoe about buildings, double-bodied ſignes, as ♊ ♍ ♐ ♓, threaten matter to Kings, Princes, or principall Magiſtrates.

Thoſe Defects which happen in the firſt houſe, have relation to fruits, or to youth, or matter newly begun, in the Midheaven, to Kingdomes, Cities, or Countries, Kings and Princes, or Nobles, or perſons of quality, or men of middle age; in the Weſt or 7th houſe. the change and mutation of Lawes, Cuſtomes, Contentions, Law-ſutes, Quarrels, Warres, the death of aged men, for the moſt part ſome ſlaughter or bloodſhed.

The greater the Defect is, and the ſtronger the principall Ruler or Rulers of the Eclips is or are, ſo much more famous and eminent are the effects of the Eclips. All effects are diminiſhed when the Eclips of the Sun is neere his ſetting, or of the ☾ to her Matutine riſing, but when any Eclips of the Sun is in the Morning or Matutine, or of the Moon Veſpertine or towards Sun-ſetting, the evils ſignified thereby are increaſed; and the effects operate moſt vigorouſly. *Leovitius* doth deliver a Method for finding the time when the effects of an Eclips ſhall begin, in his book in *fol. De eclipſibus.*

but, but becauſe the operation is troubleſome, and doth nothing conduce for enlarging the Students judgement, and alſo becauſe it would make our book ſwell too too much, I leave further diſcourſe thereof.

What manner of Events ſhall happen, and whether they ſhall be Good or Ill.

THis Doctrine being moſt neceſſary and profitable, is naturally thus deduced, *viz.* from the nature of the predominating Planets in the principall places of the figure, *viz.* in that ſigne of the Eclips and ſigne of the Angle ſubſequent, their Commixtion one with an other, and with thoſe places or houſes of the Zodiack in which they are poſited; in this ſignification you muſt not collect the dignities of the Sun or Moon, or make them ſignificators of the kinds or qualities of the events; for they being Governours of other Planets, and the principall cauſes of events, commanding the power of other ſtarrs, do either confirm or deſtroy the vertues of the predominant Planets.

The conſideration of thoſe Planets, who have moſt right, and greateſt fortitude in their Commixtions, doth declare the quality and kind of the Events which may enſue after the Eclips, or of which the Eclips is Precurſor. But let us begin with the Planets in their ſeverall kinds, and firſt of *Saturn* when he is principall Ruler of, or Lord of the *E*clips, or when any fixed ſtarre of his nature doth moſt principally manifeſt the effects of the *E*clips.

When ♄ is Lord of the Eclips.

He is generally the cauſe of corruptions by reaſon of cold, more properly he declares continued diſeaſes in the bodyes of men, as waſting of the body, or a conſumption which hath its originall from ſome deflux of Reume, hee denotes Diſturbance of the radicall Humours, Fluxes, Quartane Agues, Baniſhments, Poverty, Miſerie, Lamentation, vain fears, mortality of old men eſpecially: A ſcarcity of ſuch Cattell as are

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uſefull for mankind, afflicting thoſe Cattle which eſcape Death with diſeaſes, ſo that men are infected that uſe thoſe Cattle, or after the Cattles death feed upon them; In the ayr, hee ſtirs up moſt horrible colds, froſty and Icy weather, cloudy and peſtilent, the ayr oftentimes moleſted; long continued froſts, thick clouds, myſty foggy weather, much darkneſs, aboundant Snows nothing profitable but deſtructive, from whoſe corruptions many poyſonous and hurtfull creatures proceed. In the Rivers and the Sea commonly he ſtirs up moſt bitter tempeſts, ſudden and manifold Shipwracks, difficult and dangerous voyages and paſſages, ſcarcity of Corne, and a dearth of Fiſh and Water-Foul. Generally in the Sea peculiar Receſſes or backſlidings of the Sea from its former bounds and banks, leaving thereby its former Chanels. In Rivers there are great overflowings, violent Inundations and corruption of the Waters; upon Earth there follows ſcarcity of Grain, Fruit and Corn, all things very dear, all manner of proviſions ſcanty and rarely to be had, ſuch eſpecially which conduce to the preſervation of mans life; deſtruction of Fruits by Cater-pillars, Worms, Locuſts, *&c.* Of Graſs and Hay by floods, by immoderate ſhowers, or by ſuddain Hail-ſtorms, and furious tempeſts, ſo that men periſh by Famine and ſuch like caſualties, and beaſts by the unſeaſonable getting in of Winter proviſions, and the unnaturall nouriſhment of that food they eat: old men dye more plentifully, or more aboundance of them periſh than in other years; much rancour and malice, and ſtiff Law-Sutes doe rage amongſt the vulgar Clowns or Country people.

Of ♃. when he alone is Ruler of the Eclips.

When ♃ alone hath the chiefeſt Dominion in an Eclips, generally he produceth the increaſe of all things; and when the Event appertains unto men, he ſignifies glory, fertility, tranquillity and peace; every man thrives and becomes rich, each man ſignified by him enjoys health and quiet of mind, hee promiſeth gifts and favours from Kings, he adorns Gover-

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nours or Magistrates with fame and estimation, and to speak truly, he is the cause of all good things. He multiplies all living creatures which are behoofefull for man, and portends destruction to such animals as are hurtfull unto man. In the ayr he declares a good and wholesome temperature, windy, moyst, or inclining to showrs; nourishing all living Creatures procreated from, or feeding on the fruits of the earth. Saylors and Merchants sayl without danger and make good voyages; the Rivers swell with no imoderate floods; plenty of all manner of fruit appears; Religious men increase in the Church, many whereof attain to very high preferments, or have great honours conferd on them; Ministers grow proud and haughty, (an easy sin in that generation;) The Laws are executed, and upright Judges are imployd by the States; *New Customs or Priviledges are conferd on the people*; *New Corporations, new Honours*, &c.

Viz. Hee signifies such things unto man.

When ♂ alone shall obtain the Government of an Eclips, hee generally is the cause of corruption in regard of his too much dryness, and this especially when he is in a fiery Sign. When the Events appertain unto men, he stirs up Wars, Seditions, intestine risings, and tumults, imprisonments, banishments, besieging and taking of towns and Cities, popular tumults, frowns of Princes upon severall of their Subjects, divers principall men suddenly arraigned, condemned and beheaded; moreover he portends Tertian Feavers, acute diseases, corruption of blood, or infirmities by breaking or stretching the veins, violent, untimely, and the sudden deaths of young men; he inclines Kings and Princes unto tyranny, violence, injuries and injustice; the Souldier to the firing of Houses, to Man-slaughters, Rapines, Thefts, Robberies on High-wayes, Law-Sutes, Duels. In the ayr he stirs up extraordinary soultry blasts and great heat, hot pestilent winds, pestiferous and infectious, thunder, lightning, whirl-winds, immeasurable droughts. In the Sea he occasions impetuous

Of *Mars* when Lord of the Eclips.

 storms,

ſtorms, and denotes ſudden and violent ſhipwracks by reaſon of inordinate blaſts, *&c.* In Rivers he leſſens or dryes up the ſtreams, and drains the fountains dry, corrupting all waters, cauſing putrefaction in them; he occaſions or more naturally ſignifies ſcarcity of grain, and of all ſuch things as are produced or grow out of the earth, either cauſing untimely heats whereby nouriſhment ſufficient cannot come to maintain the Root, or deſtroying the tender grain by unſeaſonable dry blaſts of wind ere it be mature, and by Mildews, *&c.* Uſually he excites mens minds to great raſhneſs and fool-hardineſs, provoking to Duels, to all manner of evils, as thefts, murders, *&c.* Great diſſenſion amongſt kindred, much undutifulneſs in children, yet many times it foreſhews amongſt Mechanicall men, ſome rare or admirable man produced to light.

♀. When ſhe only rules, the effects of an Eclips.

Venus generally in all things is like unto *Jupiter*, and produceth ſuch like effects, with a certain kind of gracefulneſs; Peculiarly ſhe gives renown unto men, honour, cheerfulneſs, plentifull years in the fruits of the earth, or great increaſe of all harmleſs living creatures, delightfull marriages, numerous iſſues, firm friendſhips, conſtant Leagues, increaſe of mens eſtates, cleanlineſs in diet and manner of living, reverence, obedience and conformity in Religion, mens bodies are ſound and luſty, little needing Phyſick, much unity and good correſpondency betwixt the King and his Subjects, a perfect underſtanding betwixt the Magiſtrate and the vulgar people. In the ayr ſhe ſtirs up temperate blaſts of wind, moyſt and fructifying, no unpleaſing weather, or troubleſome tempeſts, ſerene fair ſeaſons in all parts of the year, very pleaſing moyſtning ſhowrs, ſucceſſull Navigations, gainfull and advantagious to the Merchant, ſafe for his own perſon, wholeſome for the Mariners In Rivers, it notes their gentle Inundation, and pretty ſwellings without harming any thing, not deſtructive or violently breaking forth, plenty of all manner of working-

Cattle,

Cattle, and abundance of all ſorts of fruit growing forth and out of the earth, great ſtore of Wine, Oyl and Figs; in generall, its the fore-runner of a quiet peaceable time upon earth, I mean in thoſe Countrys where the Eclips is viſible.

When ☿ is ſole Ruler of the Eclips.

When *Mercury* of himſelf is Lord and principall Ruler of the Eclips, he generally aſſumes unto himſelf part of the nature of that Planet with whom he is in Aſpect, or is corporally joyned unto, however he is the author of quick and violent motion; he declares in humane affairs celerity, induſtry, craft and ſubtilty, in performing what is then upon the ſtage of this World; he ſhews the High-wayes obſtructed with Thieves, and the Seas with Pyrates; he cauſeth men to be ſhort breathed, and to fetch their wind difficultly, and when he is joyned with the Infortunes, he ſignifies dry diſeaſes, Quotidian Feavers, the Ptiſick, Conſumptions, alteration in Ceremonies, Hereſies and Schiſms in Religion, detriment in the Revenues of Kings, and of the Nobles and Gentry of the Kingdom; great controverſy in the Cuſtoms, Laws and Priviledges of the people, and all this according to the nature of that Planet with whom he hath familiarity. In the (ayr, himſelf being dry and ſwift, and alwaies in motion near unto the Sun) he produces inordinate high-winds, ſudden tempeſts quickly-changing, thunders, lightnings, opening of the earth, and Earth-quakes; in regard of theſe properties his influence or effects are deſtructive to plants and living creatures: when he is Occidentall he leſſens the growth or increaſe of Rivers, when Orientall he increaſeth their ſtreams, cauſing aboundance of waters. This is the nature of every Planet by himſelf, but being mixed with others, they have ſignification of other events, and effects, by reaſon of the variety of Aſpects and Signs, and their poſition to the Sun, and ſo conveniently doe change the actions which they ſolely of themſelves did ſignifie, but this Commixtion is left to the diſcretion of every Aſtrologer, being impoſſible to give ſuch

particular rules as in every Poſiture of Heaven would hold good.

Who participate in Eclipſes.

In generall it is held for an aſſured Maxime, that as unto mens or womens Nativities, every Eclips of the Sun or Moon chancing in that very degree of the Sign, wherein either of them both were at the birth of any one, ſhall in one way or other be very fatall, or ſignifie ſomewhat very materiall unto that native. I have found by experience that much affliction and trouble doe accompany thoſe perſons, who caſually in the courſe of their lives have an Eclips in either of the Signs and degrees, where either of the Luminaries were, or in the oppoſite degree, at the time of their birth, but I have not yet found that death did enſue, although either the Sun or Moon was at the Birth the only and principall *Hylag* or *Apheta* (except in King *Charls.*) I doe attribute nothing to the colours in the Eclips, yet would wiſh every man in this nature to follow what he hath found true by experience.

When either of the Lights are Eclipſed in the ſeverall triplicities, what they ſignifie.

There are ſome who doe much adhere unto the *Arabick* Doctrine in Aſtrology, have added what they thought fit for illuſtration of this learning concerning Eclipſes, and doe ſay, that Eclipſes of the Sun or Moon in the fiery triplicity, doe declare the death of Heards both of great and ſmall Cattle, the baniſhment of ſome great King, Prince, or eminent man, or his impriſonment or beheading. Amongſt the vulgar people, or men of ſomewhat better quality, it excites enmity, jarring one with an other, much diſſembling with each other, the motion of ſome great Army or Company of men, horrible Wars, ſlaughter of men, theſts, murders, many towns or places depopulated, women ſuffering by Abortions, ſharp Feavers, ſtrange apparitions in the ayr, Epidemicall diſeaſes by reaſon of ſcorching heat; ſcarcity of fruit eſpecially in thoſe Countries which are ſubject unto the Sign Eclipſed, admirable mutation in many things.

When an Eclips happens in the earthly triplicity, there follows

follows ſcarcity of Corn, eſpecially of fruit, and of all ſuch things as are annually ſown, or put into the earth.

An Eclips of either of the Lights in the airy triplicity ſhews famine, moſt violent and fierce ſickneſſes, peſtilent diſeaſes, ſtormy high-winds, very prejudiciall to mankind, and blowing down trees by the roots, and very many houſes.

An Eclips of the Sun or Moon in the watery triplicity preſages a rot or conſumption of the vulgar ſort of people, rumours, ſeditions, and expectation of Wars, deſtruction of Water Foul, great inundations and overflowings of the Sea-banks.

Again they affirm if an Eclips appear in *Aries*, it produceth great alteration in fruits, as in tender Vines, corruption in Fig trees.

In *Taurus*, *Leo*, *Scorpio* or *Aquarius*, many antient buildings are ruinated or pull'd down, the diviſions of the Clergy are high, they hate each other obſtinately, and ſtir up tumults: a thing very frequent with them in all ages.

In *Cancer*, an Eclips procures a rottenneſs or corruption in the fruit when its gathered, occaſioning ſurfets, and ſickneſſes unto ſuch as eat them; Sea fights, long and dangerous Navigations.

In *Gemini* or *Sagittarius*, an Eclips threatens deſtruction to flying Fouls, unto ſuch eſpecially, which men eat or feed upon, whereby many men come to ſuddain death.

In *Virgo* or *Piſces*, it ſignifies much harme to vegetable Plants, and to ſuch creatures as live in the Water or of the Water it ſhews that very many fountains ſhall be corrupt and grow impure, and the River Waters not wholeſome.

In *Capricorn* it denotes Olives to be devoured by Locuſts, or Worms, many ſhips drowned, alteration in mens manners and conditions, peculiarly in thoſe Cities or Countries ſubject unto the Sign wherein the Eclips is.

Of the Sun Eclipſed in any one Decanate *of the* 12. *Signes.*

♈. WHen the Sun is Eclipſed in the firſt ten degrees of *Aries*, it portends the frequent Motions of Armies, and rumours of Warrs, continuall expeditions, aſſaults, and batteries, yea, and Wars, with much noyſe and tumult; Seditions, Controverſies, an intemperancy of the ayr verging principally unto drineſſe.

When in the ſecond *Decanate*, or from 10. to 20. degrees, it brings ſome King, Prince, or eminent officer to Priſon or reſtraint of Liberty, it adds ſorrow and danger of Death unto him, deſtruction of the bearing fruit-trees, and it portends the rottenneſſe or putrifaction of ſuch things as the earth produces, whereby both man and beaſt are afflicted. When in the laſt 10. degrees of *Aries*, its the forerunner of lamentation, woes, and mourning, unto mortall men, or moſt ſorts of men, and the death of ſome Noble woman; unto theſe I may adde, that it deſignes deſtruction unto the leſſer Cattell, as Sheep, Conies, Goats, Hares, *&c.*

♉. An Eclips of either of the Lights in the firſt ten degrees of *Taurus*, afflicts ſuch as are Negotiators, Solicitors, Agents, or are generally employed in mens affaires, or in the publick; it compells men to undertake unneceſſary buſineſſes, it brings to nought, and confounds all factions undertaken by the former ſort of men, and is ſufficiently hurtfull to Corn.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it ſhewes innumerable difficulties, and many diſcommodities to Travellers, and to ſuch as bear Children many abortions, and births not naturall, or Monſters are produced.

In the third *Face* or *Decanate*, it ſignifies both Plague and Famine; mortality in and amongſt Oxen, Cowes and Horſes.

Eclipſes

Eclipſes in the ten firſt degrees of *Gemini*, ſtir up diſſenſi- ♊.
ons, ſtrifes, ſeditions amongſt thoſe we call Prieſts, and all man-
ner of Merchants and Mechanicks of every Order, or any
quality that is amongſt them; Deadly hatred, contempt of
Lawes, neglect of piety and holy duties doth alſo follow, ſo
alſo breach of Covenants.

In the ſecond *Decanate* or *Face*, much Piracy at Sea, and
Murders, many fruitleſſe treaties, many turbulent Petitions
preſented by the people to their Superiours.

In the laſt *Face* of *Gemini*, when any Ecclips happens, the
Death of ſome King or great Perſon follows; various and
ſundry loſſes unto the State publick, much action to no pur-
poſe in the Managing of the Civill affairs of the Common-
wealth; Many ſimple Conſultations and no Concluſions; Su-
periour men grant Commiſſions, which inferiour Officers never
regard; much pratling, no action.

In the firſt ten degrees of *Cancer*, it diſturbs the ayr, and ♋.
ſtirrs up ſtrange weather, and variety of it, inclines men to
Arms, and to violate Nationall Leagues, deceitfully under the
ſpecies of Religion.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it dryes up Rivers and Fountains,
and intends much incontinency in men and women, and petu-
lancy, or ill offices amongſt mortall men, *viz.* one cunningly
thruſting an other out of his place.

In the laſt *Decanate*, it emits the Pox (I conceive the
French Pox) amongſt the men of that Country ſubject unto
Cancer, many diſeaſes, and ſeditions or riſings of the people,
the vulgar man afflicted generally with the Dropſie, or ſuch
malevolent matter in his ſtomack as brings him to a Con-
ſumption.

In the firſt *Face* or *Decanate* of *Leo*, it premonſtrates the ♌.
Death of ſome certain famous Prince as alſo great ſcarcity of
Corn and grain; if the Prince miſſe death, he avoyds not
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the occasion of many misfortunes and consumption of Treasure.

In the second *Decanate* it threatens great tribulation, and many damages unto Kings, Peers, and Prime of the Nobility; what is meant of persons of quality, must have relation to all Magistrates.

In the third *Decanate*, it presages Captivities, besieging of Towns, Plunderings, Profanation of holy places, a scarcity of Horses, or a destructive Murrain amongst them.

♍. In the first *Decanate* of *Virgo*, it argues the lamentable death, or pittifull end of some certain Prince or Nobleman, and a generall ruine or slaughter of men, scarcity of corn and all manner of sustenance fit for man.

In the second *Decanate*, it designes Famine Plague, and seditions, of mortall men, great drought, and thereby no plentifull crops of Summer corn.

In the third *Decanate*, it powres down vengeance on poor Poets, Painters, or Limners, and men Mercuriall, who flourish with excellent understandings, nothing thrives with them, nor are their Purses full, it produces Murthers, Banishment, *&c.* it imposeth on the vulgar Writers of those times, harsh conceptions, and no esteem of their rude Poems.

♎. In the first *Decanate* of *Libra*, it corrupts the ayr, begets the Plague, inclines youth to much wantonnesse, yet straitens provisions, and makes them dear.

In the second *Decanate*, it portends the Death of some eminent Prince or King, or Nobleman, and for breach of Customs, stirs up Seditions, and designs a Famine.

In the third *Decanate*, it premonishes of high Controversies amongst the Nobility, and great Detriment in their estates, much prodigality amongst them, and the extirpation of some one family.

♏. In the first *Decanate* of *Scorpio*, it moves and raises warlike

ſick tumults, murthers, diſſentions, captivities, and cheriſhes underhand practices, or plots of Treaſons.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it argues Deſtruction to ſome certain King, or perſon of worth, and declares his mind averſe to Armies or warrs.

In the third *Decanate*, it portends the comming in of ſome ſtranger Tyrant, and the drowſie dulneſſe and ſlothfulneſſe of the former King odious unto all men; ſometimes it portends a depoſing of the then preſent Governour or King, or great diſlike with him.

An Eclips in the firſt ten degrees, or firſt *Decanate* of *Sagittarius*, doth manifeſt moſt dangerous ſeditions amongſt men, and renders mens minds averſe to all manner of accommodations, or Treaties; each man fearing deceit in the man he deals with, or one Prince fearing another will delude him. ♐

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it portends the Death, or much deſtruction unto ſuch Cattell as naturally bray, and of the bigger ſort of any ſuch beaſts as are uſefull for man.

In the laſt *Decanate*, it afflicts ſeverall manner of wayes Horſes, and prejudiceth ſuch Armies as then are on foot, all things and matters go hardly on with the Nobility, who willingly and fooliſhly undo themſelves to no purpoſe.

In the firſt *Decanate*, or ten degrees of *Capricorn*, it imports the unhappy chances attending Great men, and ſtrange caſualties unto ſuch; the tranſmigration, or oft ſhifting of places of ſome King, Prince, or Perſon of eminent Rank and quality, and it implies the Revolt or Rebellion of Nobles, and others of meaner quality, *viz.* of the common people; it imports a covetous Prince or Magiſtrate, by reaſon of his oppreſſion, ſhall cauſe inſurrections. ♑

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it ſtirrs up the fury or ſpirits of ſworn Souldiers againſt their Commanders in Chief, or againſt their Emperour, King or Prince, it renders all their indeavours

 fruitleſſe,

fruitleſſe, and the events thereof unproſperous; it is the fore-runner of ſcarcity of Corn, and that many will dy for want thereof.

In the third *Decanate*, it implies the tumultuary motion of a King, and induces famine, and ſhews great poverty unto the Husbandman, bad crops, little hay or graſſe.

♒. In the firſt *Decanate* of *Aquarius*, it affords matter of publike ſorrow and mourning unto Gentlemen, but comfort to the Country man.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, Thefts publikely countenanced, Robberies, Rapines, Earthquakes, Famine, Monopolies, pilling and poling the people.

In the third *Decanate*, it tells of the death of field Cattell, and ſuch like creatures, it ſhews great inundations to ſucceed the Eclips.

♓. In the firſt *Decanate* of *Piſces*, it drains the Rivers of their waters, infortunates the Sea coaſts, and drives fiſhes far from ſhore.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it deſignes the death of a famous and excellent man, deſtruction and waſte of fiſh neer the Sea Towns, it imports an Earthquake, ſome great Church-man queſtioned, and he called to account for his Knavery.

In the third *Decanate*, it preſages ſedition, cruelty, bitterneſſe of ſpirits, and the inhumanity of ſouldiers, as alſo much Controverſie amongſt Divines, and Lawyers.

The effects of Lunar Eclipſes when they happen in the ſeverall Decanates of every Sign.

♈. IF an Eclips of the Moon be in the firſt ten degrees of *Aries*, ſhe portends that Feavers ſhall bee frequent, many houſes fired, woods deſtroyed or cut down and burned, as alſo a general

nerall drineſs of the ayr, many Cater-pillers and deſtructive vermine appear.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, a Peſtilence, and fatality in moſt diſeaſes, few falling ſick that eſcape.

In the third *Decanate*, it imports many abortive births, many diſcommodities and dangers unto that Sex, *viz.* of women; as alſo the death of many great Ladyes according to the Climate wherein the Eclips falls.

In the firſt *Decanate* of *Taurus*, houſe-hold Cattell are tormented with ſeverall unuſuall diſeaſes *i.e.* the oxen and horſes of the Plowman fall ſick and dye, and a generall diſeaſe raigns amongſt Cattell. ♉.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it points out the death of ſome Queen, as alſo a dearth of ſuch ſeeds as are uſually ſown, it ſignifies a barrenneſſe of the earth to continue during the time the effects of the Eclipſes influence.

In the third *Decanate*, it implies a plague amongſt creeping noxious Creatures; as alſo amongſt Rats, and Mice, and ſuch vermine as doe moſt devour the Country-mans grain or Corn.

In the firſt ten degrees of *Gemini*, it threatens Incurſions and Rapines of Enemies: fraudulent Negotiations, many Treatyes, violent Petitions, many Miſſives, and much employment for Scribes and Secretaries. ♊.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, the ſudden motion of Armies, and declares mens ſolicitations and cares, both of private and publike affairs; and that Judges will be carefull of executing Juſtice.

In the third *Decanate*, it foretells the death of ſome famous man, for the moſt part this perſon happens to be a Scholar, *viz.* either a Lawyer or Divine.

♋. In the first *Decanate* of *Cancer*, it wholly excites mens minds unto War, treachery and Apostasie.

In the second *Decanate*, most bitter and sharp exactions, intollerable assessements, and such like Burthens oppress the Commonalty; vulgar tumults, much harm at Sea.

In the third *Decanate*, it foretells diseases to the female sex, and also sudden, miserable and unexpected deaths unto many; and they of *ignoble* births, or of the meaner sort of people.

♌. In the first *Decanate* of *Leo*, it denotes a present & unlooked-for infirmity to befall unto some great Prince, or the Death of some very much noted Person, usually of the blood of Princes.

In the second *Decanate*, some journey to be undertaken by a King, with a strange mutation and Catastrophe in mundane affairs.

In the third *Decanate*, it swells and animates the dispositions both of the people and souldiery, so that they run after Novelties, desiring new Lawes, and new Governours.

♍. In the first *Decanate* of *Virgo*, it declares sicknesses unto Kings, manifold discords and dissentions universally raging amongst men.

In the second *Decanate*, it prepares destruction and Calamities, informes matter against Counsellours, Lawyers, Secretaries, and such like men, for their oppression, bribery, and indirect dealings.

In the third *Decanate*, it afflicts man-kind with many diseases, and intimates scarcity of bread, and all sorts of grain.

♎. In the first *Decanate* of *Libra*, hail, storms, ill weather, turbulent winds, violent tempests, very harmfull.

In the second *Decanate*, a rott amongst Pettyfoggers, Informers, and such like Cattle, they whipt and stript to purpose.

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In the third *Decanate*, ſome eminent and noted perſon dyes; the Religious ſwell in every Country, and raiſe ſeditions in the Courts of Princes.

In the firſt *Decanate* of *Scorpio*, terrible Thunders, fearfull Lightnings, many times Earthquakes, aboundance of deſtructive creatures in the waters. ♏

In the ſecond *Decanate*, hot and ſharp Feavers afflict men, ſiccity deſtroyes the Olives, and infects the ayr.

In the third *Decanate*, many ſeditions, murthers, and all manner of wretchedneſſe ſucceeds, mankind oppreſſed with abundance of obnoxious diſeaſes, and theſe generall.

In the firſt *Decanate* of *Sagittarius*, many Theſts and Rapines. ♐

In the ſecond *Decanate*, Diſeaſes rage againſt, and amongſt Horſes, Mules, *&c.* the Seas troubled with Pyrats.

In the third *Decanate*, a Plague followes, and great evils afflict all mankind, Conſumptions more than ordinarie,

In the firſt *Decanate* of *Capricorn*, it moves many ſlanders and falſe aſperſions againſt very many men, and declares an untimely death unto ſome Perſon of worth. ♑

In the ſecond *Decanate*, uprores very frequent in the Souldiery, oft incurſions into neighbour-Countries, Captivities, Plunderings.

In the third *Decanate*, the Death of a King, Conſpiracies in the People, or Mutinies.

In the firſt *Decanate* of *Aquarius*, it ſhewes averſe health to a certain King.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, it hinders the ſeed-time. ♒

In the third *Decanate*, a wonderfull change in all affairs,

yet notwithſtanding, it imports the change better than to continue as formerly, and argues a relaxation from former oppreſſions.

♓. In the firſt *Decanate* of *Piſces*, it imports ſorrow to Prieſts, Church-officers, and Biſhops.

In the ſecond *Decanate*, Death to ſome Prime man of Princely diſcent.

In the third *Decanate*, robberies equally committed both at Sea, and on the dry Land.

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The Images or Aſterisſmes of the Signs as they now are this preſent year, 1652.

THE Aſteriſme *of* Aries *begins about the twenty eighth degree of* Aries, *and extends unto the ſeventeenth of* Taurus. Aſteriſm of Aries.

The firſt part of the Aſteriſm of Aries *begins in the* 28. *of* Aries, *and ends in the* 4. *of* Taurus, *the fixed Stars herein being of the nature of* Mars *and* Saturn, *and alſo ſome of the nature of* Mercury *being there, doe ſtir up winds and ſhowers; but now a dayes not ſo plentifully as in* Ptolomies *time: for the Sun paſſing the Horns and ſhoulder of the* Ram *doth now more heat, and thereby purifie the ayr, thoſe Stars in* Aries *being now proceeded further Northward, whereby more gentle winds doe blow.* First Part.

The middle parts of this Aſteriſme are contained from the 4. *degree of* Taurus, *unto the tenth degree of* Taurus; *theſe degrees are temperate, in ſome meaſure inclining to drought and heat, by reaſon of ſome ſtars in the hinder foot, loyns, and hams of the* Ram *which are* Martiall: *with which certain* Saturnine *Stars towards the South in the* Whale, *and* Saturnine *and* Venerian *in* Caſſiopea *towards the North doe come near.* Second Part.

The extreme or laſt parts of this Aſteriſm are from the 10. *of* Taurus *unto the* 17. *of* Taurus; *theſe are now more ſcorching hot than in* Ptolomey *his dayes, but not very peſtilent:* Laſt Part.

lent: There are also Northern stars in Aries *as the Horns, and hinder part of the Neck of the nature of* Saturn, Mars *and* Mercury, *also* Mercurian *Triangles hot and hurtfull, The Southern Stars by reason of* Saturnine *Stars in the* Whale, *are Icy and very cold.*

8. *The first part of the* Asterisme *of* Taurus *begins in the seventeenth of* Taurus, *and ends in the twenty seventh of* Taurus, *in which space of Heaven the* Pleiades *are seen of the nature of* Mars *and* Luna, *they are turbulent, windy and cloudy, but now less than formerly.*

The middle parts of this Asterism *is from the twenty seaventh of* Taurus *to the beginning of* Gemini, *these are somewhat moyst, and temperate in heat, by reason of some* Saturnine *and* Joviall *Stars of* Perseus.

The last parts are from the beginning of Gemini *unto the twenty fifth of* Gemini, *in which space the* Hyades *are, and Horns of the* Bull, *of the nature of* Mars, *also the Buckler, foot, and left shoulder of* Orion, *of the nature of* Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury; *these shew thunder, lightning, fire. The North space is temperate, Stars of* Jupiter *and* Saturn *making most part of the Constellation of* Perseus; *the South part is variable, because of the* Martiall *Stars of* Taurus, *with whom are some* Mercurian *and* Saturnine, *yea of* Mars *and* Luna.

II. *The first part of the* Asterism *of* Gemini *is from the twenty sixt of* Gemini, *to the sixt of* Cancer, *the Stars herein are moist and harmfull, yea even in our dayes.*

The middle part is from the sixt of Cancer *to the fourteenth of* Cancer, *conteining* Saturnine *Stars in the Arms and Knees of the* Twins, *these are temperate, yet somewhat inclining to drineſs.*

The latter are from the fourteenth to the twenty fourth of Cancer, *these are mixt and uncertain Stars, declining to drineſs, by reason of some* Saturnine, *some* Martiall *and* Mercurian *Stars,*

as

as the forepart of the head of the Twinns, *ſome* Martiall *Starres, there are onely in the back part of the head of the* Twinns: *The* North *part moves winds, which even ſhake the Earth. The South part occaſions drouth and heat.*

The firſt part of the Aſteriſm *of* Cancer *is from the twenty fourth of* Cancer, *to the firſt of* Leo, *neer the feet of the* Crab, *and to the* Cratch, *wherein there are ſome* Martiall, *ſome* Mercuriall *Starres, ſome of* Mars, *and of* Luna, *theſe ſhake the Earth, and cauſe darkneſſe.* ☋

The middle part are from the firſt of Leo, *to the ſeventh of* Leo, *in which ſpace are the* Aſſes *of the nature of* Mars *and* Sol, *formerly they were held temperate, now their nature is more dry and hot.*

The laſt part are from the ſeventh of Leo, *to the thirteenth of* Leo *almoſt, wherein are contained* Saturnine *and* Martiall *ſtarres, in former ages they were windy, now not ſo; ſtill they are very dry: but both the Northern and Southern ſtarres are hot and hurtfull.*

The firſt part of this Aſteriſm *is from thirteen degrees, to the twenty fourth of* Leo, *in this ſpace are ſeverall ſtarres, part* Saturnine *and* Martiall, *part* Saturnine *and* Venerian, *part* Martiall *and* Joviall, *theſe are of a ſuffocating and peſtilent nature.* ♌

The middle part is from the twenty fourth of Leo, *to the fourth of* Virgo, *this part of heaven is illuſtrated with* Saturnine, Veneriall, *and* Mercurian *ſtarrs, theſe are temperate, and ſomewhat incline to moyſture.*

The extreme parts of this Aſteriſm *are from the fourth of* Virgo, *to the ſeventeenth of* Virgo, *in which the* Lyons *tayle is, being* Saturnine *and* Venerian; *Theſe are temperate, and moderately hot and humid.*

The Northern part hereof is of a fiery influx and unſtable, by reaſon of ſome Martiall Starrs neer the great Bear.

The Southern part is moyst by reason of Saturnine *and* Venerian *ſtarrs in the Conſtellation of* Hydra.

♍ *The beginning of the* Virgins Aſteriſm *is from the ſeventeenth of* Virgo, *to the end of the Sign, by reaſon of ſome* Martiall *and* Mercurian *ſtarrs, they are ſomewhat hot and harmfull.*

The middle is from the beginning of Libra, *unto the eighteenth of* Libra, *containing* Mercuriall *and* Venerian *ſtarrs in the left wing and ſhank of the* Virgin, *this part is temperate.*

The end of this Aſteriſm *is from the eighteenth of* Libra, *to the eighth of* Scorpio, *in which the* Virgins Spike *is placed a ſtarre of the nature of* Venus *and* Mars; *there are alſo other* Mercurian *and* Martiall *ſtars in the traine of her gown or garment, and theſe are ſomewhat watry; the North part is windy having therein ſtars of the nature of* Mercury.

The South part is temperate, having Joviall *and* Saturnine *ſtars therein.*

♎ *The firſt part of the* Ballance Aſteriſm *begins in the eighth of* Scorpio, *ending in the fifteenth of* Scorpio, *containing* Saturnine *ſtars participating with ſome* Martiall *in the Southern ſcale of the* Ballance, *and in the Serpent of* Ophiuchus; *theſe ſtarres are temperate, yet at this preſent more dry then formerly.*

The ſecond are from the fifteenth of Scorpio, *to the nineteenth of* Scorpio, *and theſe are temperate.*

The laſt part of this Aſteriſme *is from the nineteenth of* Scorpio, *to the twenty ſixth of* Scorpio, *theſe are watery; The Northern part is windy, having ſtarres of* Saturn *and* Mercury *therein; the Southern part is dry and peſtilent.*

♏ *The* Aſteriſm *of the* Scorpion *begins in twenty ſix of* Scorpio, *and continues to the ſixth of* Sagittarius, *being furniſhed with* Martiall

Martiall *ſtarres, and ſome others of* Saturn *and* Jupiter *their influence as* Antares *in the fourth of* Sagitarius, *theſe produce Snows more plentifully now than formerly.*

The middle are from the ſixth of Sagitarius *to the ſixteenth of* Sagitarius, *wherein the ſtarrs of* Ophiuchus *are* Saturnine *and* Veneriall, *and they temperate, but inclining unto moyſture.*

The later parts are from the ſixteenth of Sagitarius, *to almoſt the twenty ſixth of* Sagitarius, *theſe ſtars are turbulent, and of the nature of* Mars *and* Mercurie.

The North part doe occaſion Heats, the South are moiſt and inconſtant.

The firſt part of the Aſteriſm *of* Sagitarius, *is from the twenty ſixth of* Sagitarius, *to the ſixth of* Capricorn, *its cold and moyſt in our dayes more than antiently.*

The middle is from the ſixth of Capricorn *to the ſixteenth of* Capricorn, *temperate; and declining to cold, the ſtarrs of the* Sagitary *being of* Jupiter *and* Mars.

The later part from the ſixteenth of Cpricorn, *to the twenty eight of* Capricorn, *are hot or fiery. The North part of the Conſtellation is windy; the South moyſt and inconſtant.*

The firſt part of the Aſteriſm *of* Capricorn *begins in the twenty eighth of* Capricorn, *and continues to the ſeventh of* Aquarius, *the ſtarrs in this place are part* Veneriall *part* Martiall, *they produce heat, and do miſchief.*

The middle part are from the ſeventh of Aquarius, *to the fifteenth of* Aquarius, *and the ſtars herein are temperate.*

The laſt part is from the firſt of Aquarius, *unto the twenty one of* Aquarius, *theſe produce rain; Both North and South Conſtellation is moiſt and harmfull.*

♒ The *first part begins in the twenty one of* Aquarius, *to the end of the Signe, and it is moist.*

The second part is from the first of Pisces *to the eighth, temperate it is, by reason of* Saturnine *and* Joviall *stars.*

The last part of the Asterism *is from the eighth to the fifteenth of* Pisces, *it is windy. The North stars do heat, the Southern produce Snow.*

♓ *The first part of this* Asterism *begins in the fifteenth of* Pisces, *and ends in the last degree of* Pisces; *these stars are now more cold, they were temperate.*

The middle part is from the first of Aries, *to the fifteenth of* Aries, *these are moyst.*

The last part of this Asterism *from the fifteenth of* Aries *to the twenty eighth of* Aries, *formerly did cause heat, thicken and dark the ayr; The Northern part is windy, the Southern is watery.*

Part

Part of the second Book of *PTOLOMEY*, concerning the judging of *Eclipses*.

HAving already in a fit *Method* declared, what is the familiarity of the *Planets* and Signs of the *Zodiack* with the *Constitutions* and conditions of severall *Nations* and people and from whence they arise; we now intend to deliver a more facill and easy way, how to apply certain Nations unto severall of the *Signs* of *Heaven*: whereby *Predictions* may be framed concerning the most eminent and materiall *Accidents* of severall *Kingdoms*, *Regions*, *Cities* and *Countries*.

The first and most principall or most effectuall cause of such *Events*, is the *Eclipses* of the *Sun* and *Moon*, and the *Transits* of the *Stars* or Planets at that time of the defect. 1.

First of all therefore, The *Place* is to be found out or declared, *viz.* What *Region*, *Country*, or *City*, the *Eclips* of the *Sun* and *Moons* doth point out, or the *Stations* of *Saturn*, *Jupiter* and *Mars*. 2.

Secondly, The time is to be observed and adjudged when, or how long the *Events* shall continue or indure.

Thirdly, The kinds of the *Events*; viz, Whether *War* or *Famine* is implyed. 3.

Fourthly,

Fourthly, The Species, kinds or nature of thoſe events, or the manner of them; or who ſhall doe beſt and be *Victors.*

Chap. I.

Of the conſideration of thoſe Regions, unto which the effects ſhall belong or appertain.

FIrſt we make our Conjecture of the *Region* or *Place* in this manner.

In thoſe Eclipſes of the Sun and Moon which are great and famous, we conſider the place of the Zodiack in which the Eclips is, and the *Regions* familiar or aſſigned unto that place according to the diſtribution of the *Trigons* or *Triplicitys.*

And what Cities by reaſon of their Horoſcope *Aſcendant* or ſign aſcending in the Cities firſt *ſtructure* or for that place or Sign which either or both the *Sun* and *Moon* poſſeſſed at that time, or for the *Medium Cœli* or Sign *Culminating* in the *Nativities* of the *Princes* of thoſe *Regions*, which had familiarity with the preſent place *Eclipſed.*

What *Regions* or *Cities* we ſhall behold, that ſhall thus concur and agree with the place *Eclipſed*, we ſhall judge the *Events* in a great meaſure ſhall happen there; eſpecially if thoſe places were in Conjunction in that Sign in which the *Eclips* appears, and if the *Defects* or *Eclips* are above the *Earth* or viſible in thoſe *Regions.*

Chap. II.

Of the time of the Events.

THe ſecond doctrine of the time of the ſignifications of the *Events*, and their *Duration*, is in this manner.

For as much as the Eclips of the Sun and Moon doth

doth not appear in the ſame unequall hours in all *Regions*, or is the *Obſcuration* of their bodies, or continuance of duration all alike.

Firſt therefore in every *Region* according unto *Proportion*, let there be taken, the *Eclipticall Hour*, the *Elevation* of the *Pole*, the *Angles* of the figure, as you doe in a Nativitie.

Then it is to be conſidered, how many *Equinoctiall* Hours according to proportion the obſcuration continues in every Region.

Theſe things conſidered, we ſhall find, that ſo many *Equinoctiall* hours as the Sun is Eclipſed, ſo many years the *Events* thereby ſignified ſhall continue, but in a Lunar Eclips ſo many months.

The beginnings and the Increaſings of thoſe effects, wee ſhall diſcovet from the place where the *Eclips* fals, with relation to the *Angles*.

For when the place Eclipſed ſhall fall out to be in the *Aſcendant*, or *Eaſt* Horizon, the beginning of *Events* ſhall be from the fourth month next after the *Eclips*, but the progreſſions of thoſe *Events* will be more vehement in the firſt *Trient* of the whole duration.

But if the *Defect* be in the *Mid-Heaven*, the beginning of the *Events* ſhall be in the ſecond four months, and the progreſſions more hot and fierce in the ſecond *Trient*; But if the place defective be in the *Weſt* Angle, the beginnings ſhall appear in the third, fourth month, and the effects moſt violent in the third *Trient*.

But the particular Remiſſions and intentions ſhall be adjudged from the Conjunctions which in the mean time ſhall be made in that place where the Eclips was: or in thoſe places, which doe behold that place, and from other Planets ariſing, together which ſignifie the *Events*, when as they are either in the morning riſing, or in the Eaſt, or in the Weſt, or in their Station or veſpertine *Riſing* and doe behold the Signs wherein the *Eclips* was.

For

For their *Risings* and *Stations* doe increase the *Events*; but if they be in the West or in occulation of the Sun-beams, or in their vespertine Rising, the *Events* are more remiss.

Chap. III.

Of the Kind, or quality of Events.

THis third Chapter contains, how the quality of the *Events* may be known.

The knowledge whereof is taken or derived from the *Qualities* and *figures* of those Signs, wherein the *Eclipses* of the *Luminaries* were, and from the places of the predominant *Stars* both fixed and *erraticall*, and from that Sign in which the *Eclips* was, and the Sign which is in the Angle, The fortitude or Domination of the wandring Planets is thus taken.

For what Planet doth concur or agree in most wayes to the place Eclipsed, and to the Angle which follows the Eclips, he shall onely bear rule, he we mean who is neareſt the place either by his apparent *Access* or *Recession*, or who by any aspect is in configuration with the place, or is most strong by reason of *House*, *Exaltation*, *Triplicity*, *Term*, or *Face*.

But if it so fall out that the same Planet is not Lord of the Eclips, and of the *Angle* succeeding, but two Planets must be Lords, then is that Planet prefer'd or made choice of, who is *Lord* of the place *Eclipsed*, but the other shall be associated with him, who hath dignities in both plaees.

And if many Planets have equall fortitude and authoritie in both places, and do also aspect the place, that Planet shall be admitted who is neereſt unto an Angle, or is more powrefull in signification, or more familiar in quality.

Of

Of the fixed Stars, that onely is to be assumed, which hath as it were *Dominion* in the *Angle Preceding* the Eclips, and is of the greater Magnitude, or which ariseth in the *East*, in the very hour of the *Eclips*, or possesseth the *Medium Cœli*, according to the *Angles* succeeding the place of the *Eclips*. Fixed Signes considerable.

These things being taken into consideration, and the fixed Starrs, and other Planets in judgement of the causes, the figures of the Signes are to be considered, in which the Eclips is, and in which the Planets having most *Dominion* are in, from whence the Quality of Events may be discerned. Formes of the Signes.

Those Signes in the Zodiack which have humane shape, have signification unto men and mankind.

Terrestriall shapes have signification on those whose forms and figures are alike: Serpents or creeping signes, signifie evills from Snakes. Wild signes, or ferall, harm from wild beasts.

Tame Creatures or beasts, signifie harms and losses from and in domesticall and tame Cattell, and such as have relation to the profit of mans life, as the reason of severall shapes or figures falls out, *viz.* either of horses, oxen, or other beasts.

The *Northern* earthly Asterisms shew sudden Earthquakes, the *Meridionall*, great and unexpected showres. When the place Eclipsed is in an *Asterism* or signe having wings, as *Virgo*, *Sagitarius*, damage and detriment will befall to birds or fowle, especially to those on whom mankind feedeth; If the place Eclipsed be in Signes, or Constellations pictured swimming, the effects do fall in the water, and on fish; but if the Sign be *Marine*, then on ships and Navigation, these Signes or Images are the *Crab*, *Dolphin*, and the *Goat*; If it be in the form of Rivers, as in *Aquarius* or *Pisces*, it hath signification on what lives in Rivers, and on Fountains.

The Constellation of *Argos* signifieth both, *viz.* both Sea and Rivers. If the Eclipses be in *Tropicall* or *Equinoctiall* Signes, they commonly signifie Change of the ayr; if they be in the Spring, or *Vernall Æquinox*, the budding or sprouting of the Trees is to suffer, as the Vine Fig-tree, and others then appearing to bud or break forth. If they happen in the Summer Solstice, the effects will appear about the gathering

Fruits, but in *Egypt*; it properly denotes the overflowing of the Nile; If in the *Autumnall Equinox*, the effects concern the *Harveſt*; if in the Winter, *Pot-herbs*, *Birds* of that *Seaſon*, and Fiſh will undergo the effects; The *Equinoctiall* ſignes doe alſo ſhew what may happen in matter of Religion. The Tropicks denote change of Ayr, and *State-affairs*: *Fixed* ſignes denotes *Foundations* and *Buildings*.

Bycorporeall or *Common ſignes* portend to men and *Kings*.

Thoſe Eclipſes who are neer, or in the Eaſt, do ſignifie the effects will concern Fruits, Youth, and their foundations.

Thoſe in the Mid-heaven, Regions, Kings, and people of middle age.

Thoſe in the Weſt, Changes of Lawes, old age, murthers.

How largely the Events may extend themſelves is beſt known by the greatneſſe of the Defects, and from thoſe Stars or Planets which in the place defective are cauſes of the Events.

When the Eclips of the *Sun* is *Veſpertine*, all Events are then leſſe, and in an Eclips of the Moon when the *Defect* is *Matutine*; in an oppoſition half the effects are taken off.

Eclipſes of the Sun being *Matutine*; and *Veſpertine* of the Moon, do increaſe the Evils.

Chap. IV.

What manner of Events are like to happen, and whether good or ill.

IN our fourth Chapter we propound, what manner of Events ſhall happen, and thoſe whether good or evill, and of what nature in every kind. This judgement is derived from the nature of the Planets who have moſt fortitudes, who are poſited in the chiefeſt places of heaven, and from their Commixtion amongſt themſelves, and in thoſe places of the heaven in which they are beheld to be.

For the Sun and Moon are the Governours of other Planets, and the chiefeſt cauſes of the Events, and do order the Dominion

Dominion of the Stars; either confirming or leſſening the forces or influences of thoſe who are moſt ſtrong.

But the conſideration of thoſe Stars, who have the greateſt priviledge or right in Commixtion, do ſhew the quality of Events.

Let us begin and relate the qualities of every of the Planets, and tell of their natures, *&c.*

But this ſhort admonition muſt be taken notice of, *viz.* that when generally I nominate any one, or ſome of the five Planets, I underſtand their temper, and conſequently their force, whether that very ſtarre doth predominate or any other fixed ſtarre, or other place of the Zodiack, having alike nature and influence, as if we diſcourſed of their Influxive quality and nature in generall, and not of the ſtarres; Nor in the commixtions onely of the Planets, do I underſtand their Congreſſes, but the like natures alſo of others, whether fixed ſtars, or places of the Zodiack, according to the before-mentioned familiarities with the Planets.

If *Saturn* be the only Lord, he induceth corruptions cauſed by cold, but if the miſchief be only diſperſed among men; it cauſeth long diſeaſes, as Pinings, Conſumptions, Fluxes, the perturbations of humid diſeaſes, the catching of quartane Agues; as alſo baniſhment, want, diſtreſſes through the means of evill men, griefs, terrours, deaths; and all theſe eſpecially to thoſe who are ſtricken in years. The Beaſts alſo, which are moſt uſefull to man, ſhall be deſtroyd by it; and men by uſing them, when they are corrupt, will dy. Moreover, the ayr ſhall for the moſt part ſtir up froſts, and cloudy, bleak and peſtilent blaſts, being extreamly cold, therefore it ſelf is alſo troubled, ore-ſpread with clouds, and dark; Whence will enſue noyſome and hurtfull ſhowres, ſuch as ſhall produce living creatures hurtfull to mankind. In Rivers, and eſpecially in the Sea will ariſe tempeſts that ſhall cauſe the wracks of Navies, their voyages being unfortunate, Fiſh will die, eſpecially in the Sea, the waters ſhall be backward and forward, overwhelming all, Rivers ſhall be overflown, and the chiefeſt and moſt neceſſary fruits of the Earth ſhall be conſumed, princi-

pally by Caterpillers or Locuſts ; Inundations or rains, or hail, and the like : And the miſchief will go ſo far, as that men ſhall dy for hunger.

If *Jupiter* be Lord alone, he advances all things by a copious increaſe; but as to men, he cauſeth honours, tranquility, plenty, peace, and he advantages all things that relate to life. And in ſumme, he is the author of all good, both as to the body and mind. He doth moreover conciliate the benefits and rewards expected from Princes, and makes thoſe Kings and Princes more illuſtrious, dilating their Territories, and encreaſing their Magnanimity, and indeed generally he denotes all things happy and fortunate. If the effects relate to Beaſts and bruits ; thoſe which are domeſtick, and for the uſe of man he will multiply, the unprofitable and contrary he will deſtroy. The conſtitution of the Air is wholſome and temperate, yet windy and moyſt, and a cheriſher of fruits ; Navigation alſo is proſperous, the Rivers have moderate floods ; there is abundance of fruit and plenty of all thoſe things which are requiſite to men to live well.

If *Mars* be the onely Lord, he cauſes generally deſtruction by reaſon of his drought. But properly among men he raiſes Wars, inward ſeditions, the taking of Cities, deſtruction, tumults, rebellions, the indignation of Princes towards their ſubjects, and for that reaſon unexpected ſlaughters.

Moreover, he induceth burning diſeaſes, tertian Agues, eruptions of the blood, acute diſeaſes, violent deaths, and that eſpecially of young men. As alſo combuſtions murthers, impieties, injuries violence, rapine, robbery. The conſtitution of the ayr will be extream hot, cauſing hot, peſtilentiall and corruptive blaſts ; There will be alſo great droughts, thunder, and flames of fire fall from heaven : At Sea unexpected wracks by reaſon of tempeſts and thunder-bolts ; Rivers and Springs ſhall be dried up and eſpecially the waters neceſſary for drink ſhall fail, and all other things uſefull and neceſſary to man as Cattell, Plants, and Fruits will be corrupted, partly by exceſſive heat, partly by ſhowres and ill winds. And thoſe that are layd up for to be preſerved ſhall be deſtroyed by Fire.

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If *Venus* be the onely Lady, ſhe generally doth the ſame as *Jupiter*, but with more beauty. But particularly as to men, ſhe cauſes Fame, Honours, Joy, fortunate Marriage, off-ſpring, and it goes well in all things, and as is deſired; She encreaſes the ſubſtance, and generally ſhe denotes, a chaſt and pious inſtitution of humane life, and holy things receive the honour and veneration due to them. Between Princes and their ſubjects there is an unexpected familiarity. There will be an excellent temperament of the Ayr, a humid and precious conſtitution of winds; and generally the Ayr will be excellently temperate, and pure, and there will be many ſhowres, but fruitfull. A proſperous and profitable Navigation. Rivers will be riſen becauſe of the plenty of ſhowres; and there will be plenty of all the creatures, and fruits which are uſefull to man.

If *Mercury* be Lord alone generally as he is in Conjunction with the other Planets, ſo is he conformed to their natures; but properly when his own nature contributes any thing he advances the others. When the effect relates to men, it inſinuates expedition induſtry, and craft in humane affairs. He promotes the aſſaults of theeves, robberies, and treachery. *Mercury being* configurate with the malevolent Planets, cauſes very unfortunate Navigation, dry diſeaſes, quotidian Feavers and Coughs, eruptions of the blood and Conſumptions. As for what concerns Religion and Divine rites, and ſecrets of State, Cuſtomes and Lawes he diſpoſes of all according to the quality of that Planet which is in aſpect with him. When he is neer the Sun (being dry becauſe of his ſwift motion) he raiſes in the Ayr inordinate and impetuous winds, and ſuddenly changeable, as alſo thunder and lightning He alſo cauſes gapings in the earth, Earthquakes, whereby he brings a Murrain and deſtruction to thoſe living creatures and plants, which are uſefull to man. Moreover when he is Occidentall, he diminiſheth the waters, when Orientall, encreaſes them. And theſe are the operations of each Planet according to their innate qualities; But when they are mingled together among themſelves according to the variety of the Aſpects and Signes, as alſo in relation of their poſiture to the Sun, they do conve-

niently vary their actions, and from their ſeverall Commixtures various qualities doe ariſe.

But ſith it is impoſſible, to expound the quallities of every and of all their mixtures, or to recite all their Configurations, of which there is ſo great variety, let the conſideration hereof be referred to the diſcretion and prudence of every Aſtrologer.

But let us with diligence obſerve theſe times, *viz.* what is the familiarity of thoſe Stars which doe bear rule and ſignifie the Events, and their affinity and relation with thoſe Regions and Cities wherein the Events will appear.

For beneficiall Stars joyned in any relation to the obnoxious places where the Events ſhould happen, if they I ſay are not contradicted by other Stars of contrary nature, they doe abſolve by the goodneſs of their nature more effectually what they did promiſe.

If there be no affinity or cognation betwixt them, or if they be over powred by Stars who are adverſe unto them, they doe the leſs good.

So alſo obnoxious Stars, when having obtained dominion, ſhall concur alſo with the harmfull places unto the Event; If Stars of a contrary nature aſſiſt, then the maleficall do leſſe offence; but if they themſelves do neither govern the Regions, or are hindered from others, who may ſeem to claim a certain right and dominion on thoſe Regions ſubject unto the events ſignified, then they more vehemently inflict a Plague of their own Conſtitution.

But for the moſt part in univerſall evils, thoſe men or women are eſpecially layd hold on, in whoſe Nativities the principall places, *viz.* of the two Lights, and the Angles, are the ſame with thoſe from whom the cauſes of univerſall Events are derived; that is, either in the Eclipſed places themſelves, or in the oppoſite places unto them.

Above all in the firſt place it is moſt periculous and almoſt unavoidable, if the very degrees of the Eclipticall places or the oppoſit, ſhall fall to be with degrees of either Luminarie, which they poſſeſſed at time of the Birth.

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To the Citizens of *Briſtoll* or as many of them as had the misfortune to hear *Ralph Farmer* prattle in the Colledge Church 5. *Novem.* 1651.

Gentlemen,

THer's a Wolf inhabits your City in Sheeps Cloathing: perhaps you know not the man ſo well as we at *London*, This *Ralph Farmer* was for many years an under Cleark or Hitteling in the *Sub-pœna* Office in *Chancery* Lane; About 1642. or 1643. when thoſe unnaturall Quarrels among ſt our ſelves grew high, and a Committee for Sequeſtrations was erected in *London*, this *Farmer* left his ſcribling, and became either an Informer or a malicious Sollicitor unto that Committee: how viperouſly and covetouſly he demeaned himſelf in that imployment, the purſes of many unfortunate Gentlemen and Citizens well remember, but what advantage he made of his place, he beſt knows, being before that a poor ſneaking fellow.

That Trade failing, about 1645. or 1646. he became a Quack in Chimiſtry, and ſold his Extractions to the Apothecaries, ſome ſay he had ſo little knowledge of what he did, that but once giving ſome of his ſpirits to a near friend of his, ſhe died within two dayes after: Finding himſelf a meer Botcher in Chymiſtry, and the Apothecaries weary of his Spirits, he declined that Trade, and procured Orders, and hath ſince intruded himſelf into the Miniſtery: *Canterbury* he left; *Non vacat exiguis*; no penny, no *Pater Noſter*: How baſely and niggardly he dealt with an extellent Scholler (who for one years ſpace taught his *worſhipfull Blockhead* Chimiſtery,) I ſcorn to mention.

But now to ſome fragments of his Chat, the 5. of *Novem.* 1651. delivered for Catholick Doctrine by this fellow in the Pulpit, before the Mayor and Aldermen, as it was ſent unto me from a good hand.

The exact words and expreſſions which were uttered by Maſter *Farmer* in his Sermon at the Colledge of *Briſtoll* the 5. day of *November* 1651. Concerning Mr. *William Lilly.*

MAſter Farmer *was threatning the Congregation with the departure of the Goſpell to* America: *and then, to make this good, he tels us of an another whoſe name wee forgot that had* 5. *Prognoſticks of the Goſpels departing: the* 1. *was Height of Malice, the* 2. *was Prodigious Luſt, the* 3. *was impudent ſinning, the* 4. *was Increaſe of Witchcrafts, the* 5. *was comming in of Popery, and when he came to ſpeak of the fourth of theſe namely Increaſe of witchcrafts, he laſhed againſt many in this City of* Briſtoll *that did ſtudy that Art of Star-gazing and Aſtrology,*

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which he termed Witchcraft, and bid the people mark them, for they were some that had made some shew of Religion formerly, but now they had layd aside all religion, and were altogether studying that Act of Witchcraft, and then said, that those were Scholars of that grand Witch of them all, Lilly *(I mean, said he) for there was not a three-penny Book of his that did come forth, but he was lasting against one godly Minister or other. These were his very words, as will be atested by a hundred witnesses if need be.*

A word or two unto Mr. Radulphus.

IF himself be not a Witch, how knows he the Gospell is departing from us to *America*, pitty it is, there's so small a Magazin of wit in such a Lobsters head; But to his Prognostiques, for you see he is also now amongst the lesser Prophets.

1. *Height of Malice*; he did well to begin with malice, himself being the most notoriously guilty, whilest he malitiously slanders the whole Nation, when as in truth, Malice abounds most in the Leviticall Tribe, into which he is now received as an Adopted stripling.

2. *Prodigious lust*, if he means of the flesh, why doth he not accuse his own Carnality and brethren. The State hath made an Act against prodigious Lusts, they have acted their parts, I do wonder *Ralph* falls not to his old Trade of Informing, if he be a man of Conscience he ought to do it, but ah alas! There's no mony to be got by it.

3. *Impudent sinning*; he that hates his Neighbour Mr. *Ralph*, is an impudent sinner, and so you have, and so you will prove your self, being your self a younger son of *Doeg* the *Edomite*.

4. *Increase of Witchcraft*. The reverend Judges who goe the Circuits of the whole Nation, are best able to judge if this be true: But Astrology is Witchcraft as *Ralph* thinks; is this a fitting fellow to take upon him the Ministry, which cannot distinguish betwixt *Venus* and a Hogg. Astrologie is the speech of the Stars; Let *Ralph* prove it Witchcraft. But *Lilly is a Grand witch*; If an Asse bray at me, or a Cur bark or yelp at me, shall I be angry; I shall be blessed, whilst such Vermin as *Farmer* curse me: If an ignorant Animall as big a *Ralph Farmer* call me Witch in a frolick, I can retort him a Widgion in print, and an informer in grain for his labour, and when he shall speak sence or Reason, or to the thing in question, he shall hear further from the Pen of *W. Lilly*; who believes there is a God, one God, and but one God; who abhors contracts with Spirits, who disowns Witchcraft, Sorcery, all unlawfull Acts, who abhors to think that there is any doth maintain a fatality or necessitie in the Stars; who studies Nature, and the works of God therein, no further then becomes a Christian, and a lover of Jesus Christ.

FINIS.

Erige animum ad quos apparet in rebus mundanis, mirandum
nihil plus quam mirandum, maxime mirabilissimum: Aug. 26. 55.